



CHARLES E. MORRISON.

Special Messenger to Mayor Carter H. Harrison. Long and true blue Democrat

Charles E. Morrison, special messenger to Mayor Carter H. Harrison, was born in St. Louis, Mo., May 15, 1860, and in April, 1861, when he was only a wee boy, he came to the windy city to make his future home.

In those days, he attended, the old John Jones school and the old Dearborn Grammar school, from which he graduated with the customary honors.

Not many years after emerging from school, Mr. Morrison, sought a position in the Palmer House, and for more than 30 years, he faithfully worked for the Palmer estate.

The late Potter Palmer, was one of his best friends, and he was held in high esteem, by Mrs. Palmer, her two sons, Potter Palmer, Jr., and Ex-Alderman Honore Palmer, and Mrs. Palmers, brothers, Mr. Adrian Honore and Judge Lockwood Honore, who have ever been ready and willing to speak a good word for him, which has been of much benefit to him in many ways.

Mr. Morrison, resides in the new second ward, formerly the old third ward, at 3731 Armour avenue, and he is well liked by all classes of people, in his neck of the woods.

The first part of December, 1910,

#### RAILWAY MEN'S BALL AT THE COLISEUM ANNEX MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1.

Monday evening, January 1, New Year's night the Railway men, will give their annual ball at the Coliseum Annex, and it is expected that all the bloods in town will be there and join in the grand march.

See the list of prizes offered for the best dancing in another column of this paper.

Benjamin Hunter, 2433 Grandin Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, who is one of the bright young business men of that city and a genius of some note; is still a warm admirer of The Broad Ax.

Frank H. Lewis, 5047 Armour avenue; proprietor, of the Belle Meade Club, was confined to his home through illness Christmas week, and he was unable to mingle with his friends.



LAWYER BEAUREGARD F. MOSELEY.

Successful lawyer, silver-tongued orator, ex-newspaper editor and publisher; baseball fan and promoter, property holder and a strong and influential Republican politician.

## National and Local Theatrical and Stage Notes

Edited by the Stroller or by the Man on the Corner

### PEKIN THEATER.

Tallaboo returned Monday night and was greeted with a very large audience. There seems to be no lack of interest in this splendid melo-drama although returning so soon after its long run at this house. By the advance sale at the box office Tallaboo is bound to repeat its former successes.

### GRAND.

Monday night opened with a fair bill. All white acts.

### MONOGRAM.

This week's bill has Fannie Wise as the only holdover. Others on the bill are Rogers and Wiley, new on the stroll. The Russells, in song and dances. Miss Wise being in excellent voice had to respond to numerous encores.

### STAGE NOTES.

Miller and Lyles returned home after having played the entire pantagastic circuit. In conversation with Mr. Miller he speaks in glowing terms of the good treatment they received from the managers and performers all through the circuit. They will spend the holidays here, then go East, opening at Hammersteins Victoria Theater, New York City. These two young men have made very rapid strides in their chosen profession, and in doing so have attracted the attention of such managers as Klaw and Erlanger, W. A. Brady, Cohen and Harris, Chas. Frohman, Hertig and Seaman, Gus Hill and others. It looks like they will soon be seen in a big musical comedy as they are now writing the book which they will submit to the above named managers if accepted. Tom Lemonier will write the music. They have reached the point where managers consider them the logical successors to Williams and Walker.

Allie Gillum of Gillum and Williams has been the busiest performer in town, he has been receiving a dozen telegrams daily urging him to go to the coast, but as yet he has not accepted the time offered, he expects things will clear up in a few days. Then he will know how un-"wise" he could have been, but up to date he is like a frog. Look well before leaping.

Leona Marshall, the well-known soubrette, is considering a very flat-tened booked for several weeks on the from Dixie Company, now rehearsing at New York, opens on Xmas day at Newark, N. J.

Gilmore, Kinky and Gilmore have been booked for several weeks on the doutsick time.

It is reported that Manager Kline of the Monogram, is interested in the Doyle Booking Agency and has absolute control of all Colored acts on the Doyle time performers be good.

Now that all female entertainers have been barred out of the cafes by the chief of police. More girls will be willing to work in chorouses at the right price without tips.

Here is a complete route of Perrin Crosby and Saparo, booked over the Gus Sun circuit: Week Dec. 25th, Lima, O.; week Jan. 1st, split between Zanesville and Newark, O.; week Jan. 6th, split between Marion, Ind., and Piqua, O.; week Jan. 15th, American Theater, Cincinnati, O.; week Jan. 22nd, split Portsmouth, O., Huntington, W. Va.; week Jan. 29th, split Mansfield, O., Marion, Ind., return date; week Feb. 5th, Hamilton, O.; week Feb. 12th, Richmond, Ind.; week Feb. 19th, Indianapolis, Ind. This act is now considered the best in vaudeville which great credit is due Mr. Perrin as he has written all the songs for the act which gives it an originality that other acts don't have. He also hands out a full line of clean comedy in the hands of Goldie, the soubrette lines are well

looked after in a nifty and gingerly manner. There is no doubting the ability of Mr. Saparo being a capable straight and possessing all the qualifications, being a very nimble dancer, fine stage appearance and good voice. It will not be long until this act will be seen in the east, and the Stroll will see them no more.

Louis Mitchell, late of the "Red Moon Co.," bereaves the loss of his mother, who died at New York. The entire profession extends their sympathy to him at his great loss.

Nashville, Tenn., is all excited over their new theatre, called the "Majestic," which will open on Monday, Xmas day. The owner, Mr. A. N. Johnson, seems confident that Nashville will support his new enterprise. Much will be said in these columns from time to time concerning this theatre, and we are expecting to furnish our readers with a full and accurate account of the opening night. The theatre has a seating capacity of 800. Lowery & Morgan's Minstrels will have the pleasure of opening the most beautiful theatre in all Southland, built and owned by a Colored up-to-date business man. We wish it all success.

There is a great demand for Colored acts in the Eastern Colored theatres. Quite a number are now appearing there. The Clippers scored a real hit at the Crescent, New York, to such extent that they were held over for three consecutive engagements, which breaks all records in regards to hold-over acts. Frank and Pinkie Walker, Sandifer & Grant, Meryweather & Brown, Griffin Sisters, are all going big. Other acts are expected to leave soon for Philadelphia and Washington.

Last week at Norfolk, Va., at the leading vaudeville theatre, there was on the bill a Colored performer, which was the first that was ever seen on a white stage. The act made good to such an extent that other Colored acts may be booked. In fact, Black Patti Company is about the only Colored show that has ever appeared in Norfolk.

Billy McCarver may join hands with Leon Diggs to play the Southern time.

Miss Fannie Wise was offered two weeks at Philadelphia to open on Xmas, but she is booked solid. Time will be arranged later for Philadelphia and Washington.

Sammy Patterson is expecting to begin his vaudeville time with the "Watermelon Trust."

Same Davis, of Davis & Walker, then both here to spend Xmas as home at 3746 Forest avenue.

Several vaudeville managers are sending for acts, including Washington, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Many of our local performers will soon leave for the above named places.

Illa Vincent, in his match with Sampson, made many new supporters, and should a match to a finish take place he will have plenty of financial friends.

In the Xmas issue of the Freeman an article appeared concerning the Negro song writers, but I do not consider the list complete, as it does not contain the name of that popular song writer, Mr. Sidney L. Perrin. There must be a reason, as the writer of the mentioned article should be as well acquainted with his as others he has mentioned so. For the benefit of our readers I will name some of his great successes—Dinah, Swelled Coon, Dat's the Way to Spell Chicken, and many others.

Miss Mabel Arrant, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah A. Arrant, 3635 Vernon avenue; will become united in marriage to Mr. John C. Powell, at 12 o'clock, high noon, Wednesday January 3rd, 1912. After the wedding, the newly married couple, will be at home to their numerous friends at the above number.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah D. Thompson, are at the present time visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Thompson, 1883 W. 23rd street, Los Angeles, Cal., where he will spend some time in an effort to regain his health.



MRS. GRACE HART-ALEXANDER.

Graduate of the High School of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is able to speak the French language very nicely and who possesses considerable amount of high class dramatic art.

Mrs. Grace Hart-Alexander, the youngest of the three delightfully charming daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Hart, 3236 Wabash avenue, her sisters being Miss Gertrude Hart, and Mrs. William H. Hayman, is a product of Cincinnati, Ohio, where her parents and the other members of her family resided for a long time and are still highly respected.

She is a graduate of the High school of that city, and has not failed to continue to improve herself along educational lines, since leaving school. She has been a resident of Chicago for 10 years, and has a great host of warm friends among its best citizens. Mrs. Alexander has also mastered the art of manicuring, typewriting and stenographing, and she is fully capable of earning a good and independent living along these lines.

She created more than a favorable impression and displayed much fine dramatic art in assuming the part of "Heloise Dejaun," a French noblewoman, in the play entitled, "The Color Line," a new production by J. Fenton Johnson, which was given at a matinee at the Pekin Theatre Thanksgiving afternoon for the benefit of the Phyllis Wheatly Home.

In rendering her hard part Mrs. Alexander spoke the French language very nicely, showing that she is far above the average Afro-American woman in education.

#### DEATH AND FUNERAL OF EX-STATE SENATOR EDWARD J. RAINEY.

The body of Ex-Senator Edward J. Rainey of the Ninth Senatorial district, who died last Sunday morning, was placed in the family vault in Calvary cemetery Wednesday following imposing ceremony in the Nativity Roman Catholic church at West Thirty-seventh street and South Union avenue.

Eighty priests from different churches attended the funeral, which comprised 245 carriages headed by an escort of eighty members of the Seventh regiment, in which the late Senator was captain. The escort was in charge of Colonel Daniel Moriarity. There were two auto trucks loaded with floral pieces from friends of the decedent.

Archbishop Quigley, who had planned to be present, was unable to attend, but he sent Chancellor Edward Hobin.

Eulogy by Regiment Chaplain. Father Edward Kelly, pastor of St. Ann's Roman Catholic church, delivered the funeral eulogy and paid tribute to the dead Senator.

Two hundred altar boys were present at the services in the church and twenty-four clergymen from various Catholic churches sang high mass. These paid tribute to the late Senator in honor of his futile fight in the Senate about five years ago for Catholic representation in the Chicago public schools.

"Mr. Rainey was a patriot," said Father Kelly in his sermon. "He was a soldier since he was 17 years old. He believed in peace, but also believed in being prepared in the event of war. His usefulness in the Ninth senatorial district was recognized by all who came in contact with him. He had been there since his boyhood and was respected by all. He was the judge and jury among his Irish friends in the district, and looked after their welfare."

Patriot Whose Loss Is Felt.

"He gave freely and was charitable to the needy and loyal to his flock. He was a patriot whose loss is mourned today."



MRS. J. C. STEWART.

President of the Town of Lake Woman's Club and a faithful Missionary Worker of Olivet Baptist Church, who is also an officer in the Household of Ruth No. 44.